

CIVILIANS GASSED BY GERMAN SHELLS

Hundreds Admitted to Military Hospitals After Foe Strafes Flemish Villages.

GERMANS FIGHT WELL

Streams and Marshes Hamper Triple Attack by British, French and Americans.

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WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.
Nov. 2.—British, French and American troops acted together in the attack on a front of fourteen miles from the Scheldt near Avesinghem to Daynae. The attack prospered everywhere.

I have described the course of the fortified line the Germans are holding on the Dutch frontier canal past Ghent by Daynae to Waereghem and southward. It is against the southern portion of this line that the present attack is directed and it is evident that a breach in the front here so as to turn the positions on the canal from Daynae to the north would imperil seriously the German line above and the hold on Ghent itself.

Marshes Hamper Advance.

The sector of the front which the British troops attacked is a comparatively small one three miles from the Scheldt to near Avesinghem, the main attack being delivered by the French and Americans north. It is an unpleasant area for an advance, chiefly because of the number of streams which flow northward into the Ley, of which the Biesbeek on the British front, the Gaverbeek below Waereghem and the Zandbeek above are the most important.

Each of these has numerous tributary rivulets and each in Flanders at this time of the year means a formidable barrier of marsh and stream. The country is thickly dotted with patches of woodland, making an almost continuous belt of wooded area which lends itself readily to defence.

The British front made an initial advance of 4,000 yards. This is only a minor part of an operation intended to cover the flank of the more important French advance above.

The Germans in general seem to be fighting well. Prisoners say they have because their getting an armistice depends on their not giving way. This is in accordance with the preaching of the higher command, for we recently captured orders which say all the troops must stand, as the armistice depends on the battle coming to a standstill.

I hear reports that the Germans are leaving villages known to contain civilians when no British troops are there. It is certain that numbers of poor folk are being admitted to military hospitals suffering from gas.

Tanks Do Good Work.
I hear that the French and American advance was very fine. Above Avesinghem, through the network of streams and spinneys the whole French-American line moved eastward, having broken through the last of the prepared enemy defences in the region of Waereghem. The British, French and Americans have taken a considerable number of prisoners, but probably not many guns, for the last day the German artillery is already back in across the Scheldt, a large quantity being concentrated in the woods of Repeval and others at Audenarde.

In the former area the enemy artillery fire was heavy against the British columns and the right flank of the French. Long range guns also were at work from Audenarde. French tanks are co-operating in the attack on both the British and French fronts and are doing great work. At Avesinghem, where there is a strong position, a trench mortar battery and numbers of machine guns were attacked by nine tanks and completely routed.

ITALIAN TANK SINKS AUSTRIAN FLAGSHIP

Two Naval Officers Enter Base at Pola and Torpedo the Veribus Unitis.

VIENNA CONFESSES LOSS

Only One Battleship of Her Type Remains in Wreck of Charles's Navy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The Austrian super-dreadnaught Veribus Unitis, the flagship of the Austro-Hungarian fleet at the naval base at Pola, was torpedoed and sunk Friday morning by an Italian "naval tank," which was manned by two officers and succeeded in penetrating the mine field at the entrance of the harbor.

An official despatch from Rome received to-night said it is believed the two officers survived, although they probably were captured by the enemy.

The naval tank used in entering the harbor was described by naval officials here as a small vessel, similar to the Eagle boats now being built for the United States Navy.

Rome, Nov. 2.—An official announcement to-day reads:

The Chief of the Naval Staff announces that Commander Rossetti and Lieut. Paulucci succeeded in entering the inner harbor of Pola early Friday morning and sank the large battleship Veribus Unitis, flagship of the Austro-Hungarian fleet.

VIENNA, Nov. 2.—The Austrian Navy Department in a communication issued to-day says:

On Friday morning after the fleet had been surrendered to the Yugoslav National Committee several Italian navy officers penetrated Pola, placed a mine near the Veribus Unitis and sank her. A majority of the officers and crew were saved.

The destruction of the Veribus Unitis marks the wiping out of three of the four ships of that class, the most powerful in the Austrian navy at the beginning of the war. The Veribus Unitis was torpedoed in the harbor of Pola by a French submarine in December, 1914, but succeeded in reaching her dock.

In a daring raid off the Dalmatian coast June 8 an Italian light squadron snared up two dreadnaughts of the Veribus Unitis type. Vienna officially admitted the loss of the Szent Istvan, but admitted no other loss. However, an unidentified ship of the same class was sunk in the harbor of Pola a month earlier.

The Veribus Unitis was of 20,000 tons and carried twelve twelve-inch guns. Her complement was 1,000 men.

AIRMEN RATION U. S. TROOPS.

Hocher's Paratroopers Move Too Swiftly for Army Supply Wagons.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—American aviators are delivering Red Cross emergency rations to American soldiers in the front lines, who are pursuing the enemy at such a rapid pace that they have outdistanced army supply wagons.

A despatch to-day from France to the American Red Cross said by flying low the aviators are enabled to drop packages and newspapers at points where the soldiers are certain to get them.

TAFT SEES GERMANY GIVE IN.

Unconditional Surrender in 1 to 6 Months, He Tells N. H. Students.

DURHAM, N. H., Nov. 2.—Former President Taft in an address to 1,600 members of the students' army training corps at New Hampshire College to-day predicted that Germany would surrender unconditionally in from one to six months.

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